

Vi Webinar:

THE LAME CAT: THINKING BEYOND ABSCESSES

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Time: 19:30 BST

Online via Zoom

Think feline lameness is just a cat bite abscess?

This case based webinar challenges that assumption, focusing on fractures, orthopaedic trauma and osteoarthritis with practical, evidence based management tips.

Feline lameness is often blamed on cat bite abscesses, but many cats present with underlying orthopaedic disease—so what are we missing? This practical webinar takes a clear, case based approach to assessing and managing lameness in cats, with a focus on common fractures, orthopaedic trauma and feline osteoarthritis. Covering both first opinion and referral level decision making, the session explores the challenges of assessing limb function in cats, the value of owner reported and behavioural indicators, and evidence based treatment strategies, giving delegates confidence to recognise and manage feline lameness beyond the obvious.

Webinar Agenda:

- Feline lameness beyond cat bite abscesses
- Practical assessment of the lame cat
- Common fractures and orthopaedic trauma: what to recognise and when to refer
- Real world case examples
- Feline osteoarthritis: recognising and managing a hidden disease

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this webinar, attendees will be able to:

- Broaden their differentials for feline lameness
- Recognise common feline fractures and trauma patterns
- Assess limb function using behavioural and owner reported indicators
- Identify osteoarthritis in cats and apply evidence based treatment strategies

Meet the speaker:

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Phil completed an internship and orthopaedic residency at a large multidisciplinary referral centre, where he later worked as a clinician. He went on to provide referral orthopaedic and spinal surgery services across Cornwall and Devon, before working as a peripatetic surgeon in the South West. He is currently a director of Wessex Veterinary Orthopaedics and an RCVS diplomate and specialist in small animal orthopaedics.

His clinical interests focus on trauma surgery, particularly feline orthopaedics and complex fracture management. He has published extensively on feline trauma and is a co-author of Feline Orthopaedics, 2nd Edition. He is passionate about evidence-based feline orthopaedic care and supporting new graduate veterinary surgeons

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